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TO THE US OF APPROVED INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THAILAND

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1. PARA 11 OF REF A ASKED US TO ELABORATE ON AN
EARLIER RECOMMENDATION TO ESTABLISH A SPECIAL ICEM
UNIT TO EXPEDITE DEPARTURES FROM THAILAND OF US APPROVED
REFUGEES. EXPEDITING DEPARTURES IS NOW OUR FIRST
PRIORITY.

2. JEAN SCHILTZ, THE ICEM DIRECTOR IN BANGKOK, IS
COOPERATIVE BUT SOMETIMES SLOW IN RESPONSE AND NOT
ALWAYS ON TOP OF HIS JOB. THE CURRENT ICEM STAFF IS
INADEQUATE IN NUMBER TO CAPABLY HANDLE THE ACCELERATED
AMERICAN PROGRAM IN ADDITION TO ITS RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
OTHER COUNTRIES.

3. WE SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION
FOR CONSIDERATION SOME OF WHICH ARE NOT MUTUALLY
EXCLUSIVE AND ANY OF WHICH WOULD FACILITATE FASTER
DEPARTURES.

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A. INCREASE THE ICEM STAFF.

B. ESTABLISH A SEPARATE AMERICAN UNIT WITHIN THE
ICEM STAFF WHICH WOULD EXCLUSIVELY HANDLE THE AMERICAN
PROGRAM (ALBERT CORCOS FULFILLED THIS FUNCTION
EXTREMELY WELL IN A PREVIOUS PROGRAM).

C. TURN OVER ALL TICKETING FUNCTIONS, AS WELL
AS THE HANDLING OF MOVEMENT FROM THE TRANSIT CENTER
TO THE AIRPORT, TO ANOTHER CONTRACTOR (CONTINENTAL
AIRLINES IS COMING UP WITH SUCH A PROPOSAL AT SUB-
STANTIALLY LOWER COSTS THAN ICEM IS CHARGING).

\$. REPLACE SCHILTZ WITH A MORE DYNAMIC LEADER.

3. RECOMMEND THAT LOWMAN DISCUSS THESE POSSIBILITIES
WITH ICEM HEADQUARTERS IN GENEVA DURING HIS UPCOMING
TRIP THERE.
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